

KING's Camp at Namurre, &c.

11. July. 1695.

Yesternight when we opened the Trenches, we began to fire from one of our Batteries, and the rest will be ready this Week to Play upon the Place with 200 Cannon and 60 Mortars, some of them throwing Bombs of 700 Weight. We design to attack none of their Works, till the breaches be so great as the Defendants may have but little advantage of the Assailants. The Circumvallation of the Camp is about seven Leagues in Circumference, and so ordered as that the French cannot hinder the Siege, tho' they had an Army able to attempt it. The King views the Enemies Works every day, and as he view'd one of their Works yesterday, they fired hard upon him, and one Bullet came very near him. Deserters come by 30 and 40 in a day from their Out-works, and tell us that the Garrison are very busie fortifying themselves. And it's thought by some that *Boufflers* who is still in the place with some Engineers and a great number of Volunteers, and the 1000 Dragoons that he brought with him, will quickly tire the Souldiers out, by the too great fatigue which he puts them too.

Our heavy Cannon, &c. is arriv'd from *Mastrich*, tho' the French did all they could to prevent it, particularly by with-holding the Water by one of their Sluces at *Dinant*. *Boufflers* hath granted a Pass-port for the Count de *Guiscard* the Governour, to go and see his Lady, ready to Lie in. The Garrison is now said to consist of 15 Battalions Regular Troops, 7 of Country Militia, and 5 Regiments of Dragoons. The Pallisado's which they had in store in their Fortifications, were burnt on the 7th at night, but how we know not.

The French made a Sally upon the *Brandenburgers* on Sunday night, but were repulsed with the loss of 1000 Men as we are inform'd, and at the same time we became Masters of a small Out-work. The Prince de *Vaudemont* with the Allies, and *Villeroy* with the French, keep still in their old Posts. Some Incendiaries pretending to be Deserters, set fire to the Souldiers Huts, and burnt a considerable number of them in the Prince's Camp, thinking the fire should have reached the

Magazine, but were disappointed in that.

Figuerol. July 3. The Allies opened the Trenches before *Casal* on the 27th, and are already far advanc'd. We hear that the Garrison made a successful Sally, and kill'd abundance of men in the Trenches.

Paris. 11. It's said that the King or Dauphin will attempt the relief of *Namurre* being much surprized with that Siege. That 14000 men are ordered thitherward from *Germany*, and 12000 from the Sea-coasts. *Castle-Follet* is at the utmost extremity for want of Provisions. *Vanban* hath rais'd a new Battery of 60 Guns at *Breit*.

Turin, July 2. The Allies have advanced 250 Paces nearer *Casal* with their approaches, and fire on it from their Batteries. The D. of *Savoy* mis'd little of being kill'd by a Cannon Ball, some Officers falling by his side; whereupon we have intreated him not to hazard his Person any more.

Hailbron, 9. Prince *Lewis* is march'd with the Army to *Sinsheim* to join the *Munsterians*, *Hessians*, &c. and will be near 50000 strong.

The French are now within an hour of *Phillipbourg*, and *de Lorge* being better, prepares to repass the *Rhine*, and hold on the defensive; and it's not doubted but the Prince will follow him, his Army being weakened by detachment to the *Netherlands*, and *Piedmont*.

The Allies are now within 2 hours of the French, but they are posted advantageously.

Vienna, July 2. Our Army is still assembling at *Baya*. Letters from *Poland* to day say, that the *Muscovites* have Besieg'd *Asoff*, taken the two Forts at the Mouth of the *Borisibenes*, and that two Cossack Generals are march't to invade the *Crimee*.

Toulon, June 26. Yesterday Admiral *Ruffel* appear'd in sight of this place, and made as if he would have Landed some men, but is this day put to Sea again. And one of our Fishers who was carried on board, says, that many of their men are Sick, that they are in some want of Provisions, and had met with a great Storm on the 24th.

